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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

31/'18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the number of cabinet, state and deputy ministerial positions in the cabinets created during each Parliament starting from the First Parliament in 1978 to Eighth Parliament, separately;
 - (ii) of the number of female ministers in each cabinet;
 - (iii) of the number of female ministers as a percentage of the total number of ministerial portfolios in each cabinet; and
 - (iv) whether the women have received a fair representation in the cabinet that is proportionate to the present women population in the country?
- (b) If not, why?

91/'18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekera,— To ask the Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development and Vocational Training & Skills Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) of the countries from which canned fish is imported to this country;
 - (ii) of the local companies that import the canned fish;
 - (iii) of the occasions in 2018 where canned fish was imported which was not suitable for consumption;
 - (iv) of the companies that imported such canned fish and the quantity relevant, separately;

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- (v) whether permission has been granted by the Consumer Affairs Authority for the relevant importation;
 - (vi) of the steps taken regarding the canned fish not suitable for consumption that was imported; and
 - (vii) of the companies that imported on such occasions, if canned fish not suitable for consumption had been imported on previous occasions?
- (b) If not, why?

147/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development, Vocational Training & Skills Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of local milk powder factories in the Uva Province;
 - (ii) names and addresses of the said factories;
 - (iii) the output of these companies up to now in respect of each year since the Yahapalana government came to power; and
 - (iv) the measures to be taken by the Ministry to solve the problems faced at present by the local milk powder companies in the Uva Province?
- (b) If not, why?

209/'18

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the number of passengers who travelled by train;
 - (ii) the income earned from transporting passengers;
 - (iii) the number of railway tickets printed; and
 - (iv) the amount spent to print the railway tickets;
- in the year 2017?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
- (i) the number of turns that should be scheduled for the trains to transport passengers; and
 - (ii) the number of turns the trains take usually per day?
- (c) If not, why?

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269/'18

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,—To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of archaeological sites that have been identified in Medagama Divisional Secretariat Division in Monaragala district, along with their names;
- (ii) whether there are any archaeological sites in the aforesaid division, which have been identified but excavations have not been done in them;
- (iii) if so, the aforesaid archaeological sites;
- (iv) the number of Rajamaha Viharas in the aforesaid division, which have an archaeological value; whether a report of them will be submitted; and
- (v) whether a detailed report of the allocations made for the conservation activities of the aforesaid archaeological sites will be submitted?

(b) If not, why?

343/'18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of National Integration, Official Languages, Social Progress and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the Hindu Kovil in Kekirawa town is in a very old and dilapidated condition; and
- (ii) of the date on which this Kovil will be made available to the devotees for worshipping after speedily completing the restoration going on at snail's pace at present?

(b) If not, why?

433/'19

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the cadre of the Civil Aviation Authority;
- (ii) of the permanent cadre and the staff employed under the contract basis;
- (iii) separately of the age limits of the Director General, Additional Director General, Deputy Director General and the Directors in charge of the sections of the Civil Aviation Authority; and
- (iv) of the number of Consultants in the Authority and their age limits?

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- (b) Will he also inform this House whether it has been planned to deploy a group of qualified next-in-line officers to fill the vacancies occurrence in the cadre with the retirement of the officers of the Civil Aviation Authority?
- (c) If not, why?

455/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the length of the part of the Central Expressway that is constructed from Kurunegala to Galagedara;
 - (ii) of the total estimated cost for the construction of that part;
 - (iii) of the names of the locations where access and exit points will be constructed; and
 - (iv) of the dates of commencement and completion of the construction work?
- (b) Will he also inform this House in relation to the aforesaid part of the expressway—
 - (i) of the total extent of lands that have been acquired as at present;
 - (ii) of the total value of the compensation that have been paid so far; and
 - (iii) of the total value of the compensation that is yet to be paid?
- (c) Will he state whether steps will be taken to expedite the construction work of this expressway?
- (d) If not, why?

467/'19

Hon. Ashoka Priyantha,—To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the local government authorities situated in Puttalam district;
 - (ii) of the names of them;
 - (iii) of the number of children's parks managed by each local government authority;
 - (iv) of the names of them;
 - (v) of the annual allocations provided by the Ministry for the development of each children's park from year 2010, separately; and
 - (vi) of the measures that have been taken by the Ministry to further develop these children's parks and future measures that will be taken?
- (b) If not, why?

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504/'19

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the basis on which houses in the housing scheme built in the Nuwara Gam Palatha – Central of the Anuradhapura Division were allocated;
 - (ii) of the name of each person who received the allocated houses, the number of the house he/she received and whether he/she is a public servant or a retired public servant;
 - (iii) whether he is aware of the fact that the aforementioned housing scheme has been built obstructing an elephant pass which is frequented by wild elephants in the area; and
 - (iv) whether steps have been taken to build an elephant fence for the protection of the lives of the recipients of houses?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of money spent on the publicity campaign for the opening of the housing scheme; and
 - (ii) of the amount of money spent on the plaque built to mark the opening of the housing scheme?
- (c) If not, why?

518/'19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the total amount of mortgage loans obtained from state banks by Sri Lankan citizens from 01.01.2014 to 01.01.2015;
 - (ii) out of the above, of the amount of loans obtained by pawning Jewellery;
 - (iii) separately of the number of men and women who have obtained loans with a value less than Rs. 200,000 by pawning Jewellery; and
 - (iv) of the amount of loans mentioned in (i) above, as a percentage of the total loans issued during the said time period?
- (b) If not, why?

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619/'18

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he admit that—
 - (i) initiatives were taken in the year 2012 to widen the Gampola – Dolaosbage road in Kandy, which is under the purview of the Road Development Authority, into two lanes and a distance of seven kilometers from Kuruduwatta up to Welikanda has been completed by now having carpeted it; and
 - (ii) no work of this road has been carried out for the whole period of three and a half years since January 2015?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken to allocate money for the remaining 4 kilometers of the aforesaid road, which is used by a large number of people and many vehicles, and commence its work?
- (c) If not, why?

655/'18

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that a number of years have elapsed since the work of the outer circular road which extends from 6th post of the Trincomalee – Kandy road up to Kinniya on Trincomalee – Anurahhapura road was commenced?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether this road is constructed with four lanes which can be extended up to six lanes as per the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers dated 18.07.2013;
 - (ii) the reason for not being able to lay stones and carpet the road even up to now even though the road had been cleaned and gravel had been laid by January 2015;
 - (iii) the name of the company which is in charge of the construction work at present; and
 - (iv) the date on which this road should be handed over having completed the construction work?
- (c) If not, why?

676/'19

Hon. Chandima Gamage,— To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Kekirawa play ground was developed by the NELSIP project at an estimate of Rs. 368 lakhs with the provisions received from Asian Development Bank;

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- (ii) the aforementioned project was abandoned as a result of irregularities that occurred during the project;
 - (iii) although the Kekirawa Divisional Coordination Committee ordered through the Commissioner of Local Authorities of Anuradhapura and the NELSIP Project Director that a report should be submitted regarding the quality control, standards and the monies spent, no action has been taken to submit such a report; and
 - (iv) corruption and fraud related to this project amounts to about Rs. 35 lakhs?
- (b) Is he also aware that—
- (i) the said play ground was used to hold a musical show even before this play ground was commissioned to the public and investigations were concluded as required by Commissioner of Local Government, Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Pradeshiya Sabha and the Secretary to the Pradeshiya Sabha; and
 - (ii) such conduct is in fact attempts to cover up the fraud and corruption?
- (c) Will he state whether he will issue an order to expedite the investigation and to delay the use of the play ground until it is properly commissioned to the public?
- (d) If not, why?

688/18

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,—To ask the Minister of Education,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House in regard to national schools existing in Colombo, Galle, Matara, Kandy, Kurunegala, Jaffna, Gampaha districts for the period from the year 2010 up to 2017—
- (i) the cut off marks of the grade five scholarship examination;
 - (ii) the number of students admitted to grade six class based on the scholarship results;
 - (iii) the number of parallel classes in grade five and grade six;
 - (iv) the number of students who were admitted to grade six class from the primary section not based on the results of the scholarship examination; and
 - (v) the percentage of the students who were admitted to grade six class based on the scholarship results out of the total number of students in grade six?
- (b) If not, why?
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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Powers of Attorney (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.
(Cabinet approval signified.)

*

The Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,— Procurement Guidelines under the Constitution,— That the Procurement Guidelines - 2019, formulated by the National Procurement Commission in terms of the Article 156C(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2144/68 of 12th October 2019, which were presented on 07.11.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2131/29 of 10th July 2019, which was presented on 07.11.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2135/55 of 09th August 2019, which was presented on 07.11.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Excise (Special Provisions) Act (No. 3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 3 of the Excise (Special Provisions) Act, No. 13 of 1989 relating to Excise duty and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2135/68 of 10th August 2019, which was presented on 07.11.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 1),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2134/44 of 01st August 2019, which was presented on 07.11.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 2),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2135/54 of 08th August 2019, which was presented on 07.11.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 3),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2135/67 of 10th August 2019, which was presented on 07.11.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 4),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2139/74 of 07th September 2019, which was presented on 07.11.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 5),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2140/20 of 10th September 2019, which was presented on 07.11.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

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The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 6),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2143/3 of 30th September 2019, which was presented on 07.11.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*

The Minister of Finance,— Order under the Special Commodity Levy Act (No. 7),— That the Order made by the Minister of Finance under Section 2 of the Special Commodity Levy Act, No. 48 of 2007 relating to Special Commodity Levy and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2143/21 of 02nd October 2019, which was presented on 07.11.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*

The Minister of Finance,— Regulations under the Foreign Exchange Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Finance under Section 29 read with Section 7 of the Foreign Exchange Act, No. 12 of 2017 relating to Classes of Capital Transactions in Foreign Exchange Carried on by Authorized dealers and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2145/49 of 17th October 2019, which were presented on 07.11.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No. 1),— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 07.11.2019, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2140/19 of 10th September 2019)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*

The Minister of Finance,— Resolution under the Customs Ordinance (No. 2),— That the Resolution under Section 10 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 235) relating to Import Duties, which was presented on 07.11.2019, be approved.

(Gazette Extraordinary No. 2142/87 of 27th September 2019)

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*

The Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation,— Regulations under the Civil Aviation Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation under Section 117 of the Civil Aviation Act, No. 14 of 2010 read with Sections 66 and 69 of the aforesaid Act relating to Licensing of Personnel and Training Institutions and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2078/22 of 03rd July 2018, which were presented on 07.11.2019, be approved.

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The Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade,— Regulations under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act,— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Development Strategies and International Trade under Section 20 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, No. 1 of 1969 amended by Acts, No. 48 of 1985 and No. 28 of 1987 read with Sections 4(3) and 14 of the aforesaid Act and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2143/36 of 03rd October 2019 amended the printing errors by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2146/23 of 22nd October 2019, which were presented on 07.11.2019, be approved.

(Cabinet approval signified.)

*

The Non Cabinet Minister of Digital Infrastructure and Information Technology,— Regulations under the Electronic Transactions Act (No. 1),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Telecommunications and Information Technology under Section 24 read with Section 8(2) of the Electronic Transactions Act, No. 19 of 2006 relating to e–Population Register on the recommendation of the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister to whom the subject of Registration of Births and Deaths has been assigned and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1864/44 of 29th May 2014, which were presented on 07.11.2019, be approved.

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The Non Cabinet Minister of Digital Infrastructure and Information Technology,— Regulations under the Electronic Transactions Act (No. 2),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Digital Infrastructure and Information Technology under Section 24 read with Section 8(2) of the Electronic Transactions Act, No. 19 of 2006 relating to e–Population Register on the recommendation of the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister to whom the subject of Registration of Births and Deaths has been assigned and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2114/27 of 14th March 2019, which were presented on 07.11.2019, be approved.

*

The Non Cabinet Minister of Digital Infrastructure and Information Technology,— Regulations under the Electronic Transactions Act (No. 3),— That the Regulations made by the Minister of Digital Infrastructure and Information Technology under Section 24 read with Section 8(2) of the Electronic Transactions Act, No. 19 of 2006 relating to e–Registration of Persons on the recommendation of the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister to whom the subject of Registration of Persons has been assigned and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2115/42 of 21st March 2019, which were presented on 07.11.2019, be approved.

Companies (Amendment) Bill — Second Reading.

Abolition of Death Penalty Bill — Second Reading.

* *Indicates Government Business.*

Wednesday, December 04, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

22/'18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana & Wayamba Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Dhamma schools registered within Sri Lanka at present;
 - (ii) of the benefits provided to Dhamma school teachers by the government; and
 - (iii) of the programmes planned for these volunteer Dhamma school teachers in order to uplift the Dhamma education?
- (b) If not, why?

92/'18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of archeological sites that have been destroyed from year 2015 to up to now;
 - (ii) of the names of the such sites;
 - (iii) of the reasons to destroy those sites;
 - (iv) whether the persons who destroyed relevant archeological sites have been identified;
 - (v) of the punishments given to them;
 - (vi) of the number of archeological sites that have been destroyed by the unidentified persons; and
 - (vii) whether it could be stated the measures that will be taken in the future against the destroying of archeological sites, which signify a country's historical grandeur?
- (b) If not, why?

346/'18

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,—To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether it is aware that the Galnewa bus stand situated in the Mahaweli 'H' Zone of Anuradhapura district is in a dilapidated condition; and
 - (ii) of the date it will be renovated and ready for public use?
- (b) If not, why?

434/'19

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Tourism Development, Wildlife and Christian Religious Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) Whether he is aware that a large number of local and foreign tourists visit the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage and that the said orphanage generates the highest income for the Department of National Zoological Gardens;
 - (ii) of the number of foreign tourists that visited the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage from 2015 to 2018 separately as per each quarter; and
 - (iii) of the income generated by the Orphanage from the year 2015 to 2018 as per each year and quarter?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) the reasons for depriving the tourists who visit the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage of the opportunity to feed milk to baby elephants, if such has been done;
 - (ii) the loss annually incurred by the institution owing to this situation;
 - (iii) whether a certain programme will be put in place by the government to develop the Pinnawala Elephant Orphanage which is deemed as a valuable asset to Sri Lanka; and
 - (iv) if so, what that programme is?
- (c) If not, why?

608/'18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development and Vocational Training & Skills Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of industrial estates;
 - (ii) the number of plots of land;
 - (iii) the number of factories operating in the industrial estates; and
 - (iv) the number of employees in the industrial estates;
 that belong to Industrial Development Board of Ceylon, separately?
- (b) Will he state in regard to the programmes conducted by Industrial Development Board of Ceylon in the Central Province in the year 2017—
 - (i) the number of self employment promotion programmes;
 - (ii) the places in which the aforesaid programmes were held;
 - (iii) the equipment provided;

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- (iv) the basis on which the beneficiaries were selected; and
- (v) the number of technological training programmes conducted?
- (c) Will he also state—
 - (i) whether he accepts the fact that even though the opportunity of engaging in electronic businesses through the internet is open even to the persons living in rural areas at present, the knowledge required for it has not been sufficiently provided; and
 - (ii) whether action will be taken to provide this knowledge in a systematic manner?
- (d) If not, why?

620/'18

Hon. Mahindananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that a flyover has been constructed through Nawalapitiya town by the Road Development Authority under the Nawalapitiya town development project spending Rs. 300 lakhs, with the aim of minimizing the traffic congestion in Nawalapitiya town;
 - (ii) whether he is aware of the fact that the current Urban Council of Nawalapitiya is planning to demolish and sell this public property without permission of the Road Development Authority; and
 - (iii) whether action will be taken to stop the demolishing of this bridge constructed by the Road Development Authority, without permission from your Ministry?
- (b) If not, why?

651/'18

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is no alternative to leasing out to India those oil tanks which still remain without leasing out to India other than oil tanks already leased out to India out of the China Bay oil tank complex, which was acquired to the government during the Bandaranaike regime paying 250,000 pounds sterling;
 - (ii) whether he will furnish a copy of each of the project reports and Cabinet Papers presented on various occasions by the present government as well as the past regimes since Independence pertaining to these oil tanks, if any;

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- (iii) which countries had requested those oil tanks and the basis on which they have been so requested; and
- (iv) what steps will be taken in relation to the public opinion that has emerged against handing over of these oil tanks to India by the Indian Oil Company?

(b) If not, why?

773/19

Hon. Indika Anuruddha Herath,— To ask the Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the value of the loan facility granted for the applicants qualified to follow Post Graduate courses during the period from January 2016 to 31st August 2018;
- (ii) of the interest rates on aforesaid loans;
- (iii) of the maximum period of time to repay the loan; and
- (iv) of the securities taken by the respective financial institutions when aforesaid loan was granted?

(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) of the total amount and the interest that had been recovered by 31st August 2018 in respect of the loans granted as per (a)(i);
- (ii) of the measures that have been taken to recover the outstanding amounts; and
- (iii) whether the aforesaid measures taken are satisfactory?

(c) If not, why?

Thursday, December 05, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

28/18

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Disaster Management and Livestock Development,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether action has been taken to construct a “Seva Piyasa” office for each Grama Niladhari division in the island;
- (ii) if so, the amount of money allocated for that purpose;
- (iii) the estimated amount of money for the construction of a single “Seva Piyasa” office; and
- (iv) the date on which this programmes is planned to be completed?

(b) If not, why?

151/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) separately on per year basis, of the number of representatives of local government bodies who participated in international training programmes on solid waste management in each year from 2010 to date;
- (ii) of the names of the aforesaid representatives and the names of the local government bodies they belong to;
- (iii) separately of the names of countries and cities where the aforesaid training programmes were held and the duration of each of those programmes;
- (iv) separately of the amount of money that was spent on participating in those training programmes; and
- (v) of the names of local government institutes which implemented programmes for solid waste management after their representatives had participated in such training programmes?

(b) If not, why?

422/'19

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekara,— To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether an agreement has been signed between the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation and Hyrax Oil Sdn Bhd to establish and operate a lubricant mixing center;
- (ii) if so, of the date on which it was signed;
- (iii) whether he will submit a comprehensive report on the agreed core points of the aforesaid agreement;
- (iv) whether due approval has been obtained for the project as per the aforementioned agreement;
- (v) whether the company has already established a lubricant mixing center in Sri Lanka as per the abovementioned agreement; and
- (vi) whether permits have been obtained to import lubricants required for the proposed lubricant mixing center mentioned above?

(b) If not, why?

557/'19

Hon. S. Shritharan,— To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that Kilinochchi district main fuel storage which was in operation since 1940's, was destroyed by reason of war and it was removed;
 - (ii) of the individual with whom the land in which the aforesaid fuel storage was located, is held by now;
 - (iii) whether it has been transferred to the said party on a long term lease;
 - (iv) whether steps will be taken to re-establish the main fuel storage in aforesaid land;
 - (v) whether the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation owns other lands in Kilinochchi district; and
 - (vi) if so, of the locations and the extents of aforesaid lands?
- (b) Will he state—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the filling station that is operative in the land referred in aforesaid (a) (ii), is owned by a private party;
 - (ii) if so, of the name of the owner; and
 - (iii) of the term of lease pertaining to aforesaid land?
- (c) Will he also inform—
 - (i) of the reasons for not permitting the request of Pachchilaippalli Multi Purpose Co-operative Society, to establish a filling station in the Pachchilaippalli area;
 - (ii) of the reasons for letting two private filling stations to operate in aforesaid area by now; and
 - (iii) of the whereabouts of aforesaid filling stations in Pachchilaippalli area and the names of the owners?
- (d) If not why?

609/'18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Buddhasasana & Wayamba Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of places of Buddhist religious worship situated in Pussallawa town;
 - (ii) the names of the aforesaid places of religious worship; and
 - (iii) the action that has been taken by the government up to now for the development of the aforesaid places of religious worship after this good governance government came into power?
- (b) If not, why?

643/'18

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether there is an entity by the name of Indian Ocean Marine Affairs Cooperation (IOMC) in Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, of the objectives and duties of this entity;
 - (iii) of the member countries of this entity, if it is considered as a regional organization;
 - (iv) what that convention is;
 - (v) whether a copy of the particular convention will be submitted; and
 - (vi) of the countries that have ratified this convention, if such has been done?
- (b) If not, why?

686/'18

Hon. Kanaka Hearth,— To ask the Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, the total land area of which, minor export crops have been cultivated in Sri Lanka and the number of farmers engaged in cultivation;
 - (ii) separately, the harvest collected from minor export crops of Sri Lanka from year 2015 to 2018 according to each year; and
 - (iii) the relief granted by the government for the minor export crop cultivators?
- (b) Will he state that—
 - (i) it is aware that the minor export crop cultivation in Sri Lanka has faced setbacks at present; and
 - (ii) if so, the reasons are?
- (c) If not, why?

779/'19

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the name, date of appointment to the post, the monthly salary pertaining to the post and educational qualifications of the officer who served as the manager (Human Resources / Administration) of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority up to 30.04.2018;
 - (ii) whether he had held any other posts in the Authority before being appointed to the above post; and
 - (iii) if so, the number of posts held, designations and the monthly salaries received in relation to those posts?

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(b) Will he also inform this House—

- (i) whether that officer has held any post in any government institution, Department or corporation in addition to the post in the Authority; and
- (ii) if so, the name of that institution and the monthly allowance received?

(c) If not, why?

868/19

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

- (i) whether funds were allocated to the Medical Faculty of the Eastern University from a source called Kuwait Fund in the year 2015;
- (ii) if so, the reasons for not spending the aforesaid money in the year 2015; and
- (iii) whether that amount has been allocated for that purpose by now?

(b) If not, why?

884/19

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Disaster Management and Livestock Development,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) the districts that have been provided with relief under the Drought Relief Phase II programme of year 2018;
- (ii) separately, the Divisional Secretariat Divisions selected in this regard and the total amount spent for each district;
- (iii) the circulars issued in this regard; and
- (iv) of them the valid circular which was effective for the last time?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) the number of beneficiaries selected from Kurunegala district according to the valid circular and the total amount spent as per each Divisional Secretariat Division;
- (ii) separately, the number of beneficiaries identified from Kurunegala district according to each Divisional Secretariat Division, at the time of cancellation as per the circular No. NDRC/2018/03;
- (iii) the affected Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Kurunegala district; and
- (iv) if Polpithigama is not included, the reason?

(c) If not, why?

972/'19

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the Ipologama police station that was established in the war heroes village in Ipalogama Divisional Secretariat Division last year under the patronage of the Inspector General of Police is housed in a temporary building; and
 - (ii) the date on which action will be taken to construct a suitable permanent building for a police station and house this police station in it?
- (b) If not, why?

1025/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he will elaborate on the main courses of action taken to develop the capital market of Sri Lanka in keeping with proposals Nos. 281, 282, 283 and 284 of 2016 budget;
 - (ii) of the action taken to amend the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka Act in keeping with proposal No. 284;
 - (iii) whether he will submit a chart that depicts the trends in progress of the share market of Sri Lanka from year 2000 to 2017 according to standard indicators which are used to measure share market growth;
 - (iv) whether the unusual increase in the interest rates prevalent at present is considered a hindrance to the growth of the share market; and
 - (v) if not, of the opinion held in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

1037/'19

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of human rights cases filed before the Supreme Court but no determination has been given yet;
 - (ii) of the dates on which they were filed before the Supreme Court; and
 - (iii) of the names of the complainants and the corresponding case numbers of all of the abovementioned cases?
- (b) If not, why?

1045/'19

Hon. Shehan Semasinghe,— To ask the Minister of National Integration, Official Languages, Social Progress and Hindu Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the date on which the Office for National Unity and Reconciliation was established;
 - (ii) the Act under which aforesaid office was established;
 - (iii) the objective of the aforesaid office; and
 - (iv) the staff of the aforesaid office?
- (b) Will he also state—
 - (i) the scope of the aforesaid office;
 - (ii) the local and foreign funding sources;
 - (iii) the persons who have provided funds, separately;
 - (iv) the summary of the expenditures;
 - (v) the programs conducted so far and the persons who have conducted the aforesaid programs;
 - (vi) the Non Governmental Organizations which provided funds for this; and
 - (vii) the functions carried out by it for the development of reconciliation?
- (c) If not, why ?

1047/'19

Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the foundation stone for the new Accident and Emergency Treatment Unit of Gampola Base Hospital was laid on 18.03.2018;
 - (ii) it was decided on the request of the hospital administration to lay the foundation of the proposed building as suitable for a five storey-building since the space within the hospital premises is very limited; and
 - (iii) ignoring the request of the hospital administration, the Ministry had decided to lay the foundation of the aforesaid building as suitable for a two storey - building?
 - (b) Will he inform this House of the reasons for the slow progress of the aforesaid construction activities despite that contracts have been entered into for carrying out the construction activities properly?
 - (c) If not, why?
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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

33/'18

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the basic educational qualifications that are taken into consideration when the teachers are recruited to the Pirivena educational institutes;
 - (ii) whether there is a shortage of teachers in the Pirivena educational institutes at present;
 - (iii) if so, the number of teachers required to fill the shortage; and
 - (iv) of the steps that have been taken to improve the Pirivena education by the Pirivena education unit in the Ministry of Education?
- (b) If not, why?

153/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of institutions that take decisions pertaining to garbage, handle matters pertaining to garbage and come under the purview of the Ministry of Environment and Mahaweli Development;
 - (ii) whether officers of these institutions have gone abroad on study tours related to the management of garbage from year 2010 up to now;
 - (iii) if so, of the names and designations of such officers along with details of their study tours abroad;
 - (iv) separately the amount of money spent on each of these educational activities; and
 - (v) of the manner in which the knowledge gained by the officers who participated in the aforementioned study tours has been utilized for the purposes of the Ministry?
- (b) If not, why?

366/'18

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of estate workers who served in 2002 in the Gredvalley estate that belonged to Janatha Estate Development Board;
 - (ii) separately, the number of male and female estate workers who went on retirement from 2000 – 2015 after serving in this estate;
 - (iii) the number of retired workers out of the aforesaid labourers who have not been paid Employees Provident Fund (EPF), Employees Trust Fund (ETF) and Pension Gratuity; and
 - (iv) the name of the each of the aforesaid worker, the membership number and the amount due from the EPF, ETF and Pension Gratuity separately?
- (b) If not, why?

558/'19

Hon. S. Shritharan,—To ask the Minister of Industry & Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Co-operative Development, Vocational Training & Skills Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that the CWE, Commercial Center established in the center of the Kilinochchi town has been constructed without the approval of the Pradeshiya Sabha;
 - (ii) of the institution that owns the land in which the CWE building has been constructed; and
 - (iii) whether this land has been given to a certain individual on a long term lease?
- (b) Will he also inform this House, regarding the building in which the CWE Commercial Center is located—
 - (i) whether the approval of the Kareichchi Pradeshiya Sabha has been obtained in constructing the building;
 - (ii) of the name of the current owner of aforesaid building;
 - (iii) if it has been constructed with state funds, of the particulars on calling bids; and
 - (iv) of the costs incurred in constructing the building?
- (c) If not why?

610/'18

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage, — To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of drug raids carried out;
 - (ii) of the number of persons taken into custody for offenses related to drugs; and
 - (iii) of the value of drugs seized;in Kandy District during the past two years separately in respect of each year?
- (b) Will he submit to this House, a list comprising of drugs which have been identified as illegal substances and the names of the countries from which they come to Sri Lanka?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that Gampola and surrounding areas belonging to Kandy District have been a drug distribution hub for a while now and that the aforesaid distribution network continues function powerfully, targeting schoolchildren and the youth; and
 - (ii) whether steps will be taken to capture these drug traffickers expeditiously and eliminate the drug menace from this area?
- (d) If not, why?

666/'18

Hon. Douglas Devananda,— To ask the Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) people in Mullaitivu district face various hardships due to lack of adequate transport facilities in the area;
 - (ii) school children and the general public face severe hardships due to lack of adequate transport facilities in Kottekattiyakulam, Thenniyakulam, Nattankandal, Mutuaiyankattu, the most difficult areas in Mullaitivu district; and
 - (iii) there are only 20 buses that are being running out of the 24 buses in the Mullaitivu SLTB depot, although the requirement of the depot is 32 buses?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether action will be taken to provide the Mullaitivu SLTB depot with more buses to provide a proper transport service to the general public in the area;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which it will be done; and
 - (iii) if not, the reason for that?
- (c) If not, why?

806/'19

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement and Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) separately in respect of each year from 01.02.2015 to date, the number of persons arrested for selling and using illegal drugs;
 - (ii) the names of state or state sponsored institutions pursuing action for combating illegal drugs; and
 - (iii) separately, the amounts of illegal drugs seized by each of the said institution?
- (b) If not, why?

815/'19

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the projects that were proposed to be implemented in Trincomalee District under the i-ROAD project funded by the Asian Development Bank;
 - (ii) of them, the proposals approved for implementation;
 - (iii) separately, the terms and criteria of the economic analysis survey, traffic survey and GPS survey whereon the said approval is based;
 - (iv) whether the Sinhapura Road with a length of approximately 8 kilometers which is the main rural road to access the Sripura town in the Padavi Sripura Divisional Secretary Division will be carpeted and developed under this project; and
 - (v) as there are many roads in the Trincomalee district belonging to the provincial and line ministries on which passenger transport services are operated but have not been at least concreted, the measures that will be taken to develop such roads?
- (b) If not, why?

857/'19

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of drivers, conductors and mechanical level (PL category) officers and the number of executive grade officers of the Sri Lanka Transport Board; and
 - (ii) whether the officers of PL category receive salaries as per Public Administration Circular No. 3/2016?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that there is a method of granting promotions to the officers of PL category in terms of Public Administration Circular No. 3/2016;
 - (ii) whether promotions are granted at present to SLTB officers;
 - (iii) if so, the grades to which such promotions are granted;
 - (iv) whether promotions are granted in terms of Public Administration Circular No. 3/2016;
 - (v) if not, the method of granting promotions; and
 - (vi) the number of executive officers that will be appointed additionally to each depot by granting such promotions?
- (c) If not, why?

869/'19

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara— To ask the Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of students that will be enrolled to universities out of the 30,000 students who have applied for higher education in the year 2018;
 - (ii) of the reasons for reducing the Number of the students enrolled for the Diploma Course in Accountancy of the Advanced Technological Institute, Dehiwala, to 114, from the Year 2018 although the number was 180 in the year 2017; and
 - (iii) whether the number of students that are enrolled for every HND course has been reduced?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the reason for abolishing the right to form student unions at present which existed earlier;
 - (ii) whether the right to form student unions has been abolished in Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education (SLIATE) at present; and
 - (iii) whether any measure taken to address student grievances with the abolishment of student unions will be considered as an anti-disciplinary act and punishment will be given?
- (c) If not, why?

901/'19

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Disaster Management and Livestock Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of beneficiaries selected from the Polpithigama Divisional Secretariat Division under the phase I of the Programme to compensate the victims of the drought in 2018;
 - (ii) of the amount of money spent on that purpose;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that not a single beneficiary was selected from the Polpithigama Divisional Secretariat Division for the phase II of the programme; and
 - (iv) if so, why?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether it is admitted that the revoked circular bearing No. NDRSC/2018/03 has been adopted by the Divisional Secretary in this regard;
 - (ii) of the reasons for not adopting the valid circular bearing No. NDRSC/2018/03 ii ;
 - (iii) whether the letter sent by the Divisional Secretary to the Secretary to the Ministry on 22.10.2018 informing the unavailability of the beneficiaries, has been sent in accordance with the instructions stipulated in Clause No. 4 of the revoked circular; and
 - (iv) whether it is admitted that the clause 4 of the revoked circular has been violated?
- (c) If not, why?

1036/'19

Hon. Dullas Alahapperuma,— To ask the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms,—(1)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
 - (i) if there are cases not examined or cases pending out of the cases referred to the District Courts of Sri Lanka, separately of the case numbers and the dates on which they were filed at the courts; and
 - (ii) separately with the case numbers and the dates on which they were first filed, of the cases which are older than 25 years; cases dating back to 20-25 years; 15-20 years; 10-15 years; 05-10 years and 01-05 years out of the aforementioned unresolved cases?
- (b) If not, why?

1039/'19

Hon. Vidura Wickramanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the Horana town, which daily receives a large number of people including school children, gets flooded even on normal rainy days;
 - (ii) houses, property and furniture belonging to the residents of Sri Dhammarathana Mawatha area and several other parts of the Horana town were damaged on several occasions as those areas get flooded even on normal rainy days; and
 - (iii) even the patients who come to Horana Base Hospital suffer severe inconveniences as the area surrounding the Hospital, too, gets flooded even on normal rainy days?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether he will take immediate action to develop the drainage system in the Horana town in order to control the aforesaid situation?
- (c) If not, why?

1048/'19

Hon. Anuradha Jayaratne,— To ask the Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) people in Galatha, Mawathura, Kekulanda, Weliganga and Kalugahinna areas belonging to Udapalatha Pradeshiya Sabha in Gampola have been suffering a severe drinking water shortage for a long time; and
 - (ii) action was taken in 2016 to submit a Cabinet Paper and to obtain the financial provisions required for implementing the water supply project that had been proposed for these areas?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to provide drinking water facilities to the people in the aforesaid areas who have been suffering hardships due to the shortage of water; and
 - (ii) if so, of the date on which such steps will be taken?
- (c) If not, why?

1053/'19

Hon. Wimalaweera Dissanayaka,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the amount of lands in which maize has been cultivated in Maha season in the district of Ampara in 2018/2019;
 - (ii) out of that, of the extent of lands that has been destroyed by the 'Sena' caterpillars (Army worm) separately as per each Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (iii) of the total compensation paid to the farmers in the district of Ampara pertaining to the maize cultivations destroyed by the 'Sena' caterpillars;
 - (iv) of the aforesaid compensation as per each Divisional Secretariat Division separately;
 - (v) whether he is aware that a large number of farmers who have not been compensated for the destruction caused by the 'Sena' caterpillars are available in a number of districts including the district of Ampara;
 - (vi) whether the aforesaid farmers who have been discriminated, will be compensated; and
 - (vii) if so, of the date on which it will be done?
- (b) If not, why?

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43/'18

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that there is a stretch of paddy fields called Udakanda at Waleboda in Balangoda Divisional Secretariat Division;
 - (ii) the number of acres of this stretch of paddy fields;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that this stretch of paddy fields has been fallow for a period of ten years by now due to the non-availability of water; and
 - (iv) if so, the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to cultivate this stretch of paddy fields?
- (b) If not, why?

94/'18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of organizations allied with LTTE that have been included in the Interpol list on request by the government of Sri Lanka as at 2015; and
 - (ii) separately of the number of LTTE terrorists and Under world members that had been included in the relevant list by then?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of organizations allied with LTTE that have been delisted from Interpol list from 2015 to date;
 - (ii) of the number of LTTE terrorists who have been thus delisted after 2015;
 - (iii) of the reasons that led to the removal of the aforesaid organizations and terrorists from the Interpol list;
 - (iv) whether the approval of Sri Lankan government has been given to the aforesaid delisting; and
 - (v) whether it is accepted that such delisting would stimulate the action taken by the LTTE allied groups at the international arena against Sri Lanka?
- (c) If not, why?

154/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware of the fact that the bridge situated near the 2nd mile post of the Badulla-Bandarawela road is in a state of disrepair;
 - (ii) of the names of the villages which use this bridge as their access point; and
 - (iii) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to repair this bridge while preserving its antique qualities?
- (b) If not, why?

473/19

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether the copies with reference to the decisions taken in the legal actions and the other disciplinary actions against the Deputy Inspector General Mr. Nalaka De Silva who has been alleged on the conspiracy of the President and Mr. Gotabhaya Rajapaksha, former Secretary to the Ministry of Defence, will be submitted;
- (ii) whether the accuracy and the impartiality of the services he rendered in the capacity of Deputy Inspector General of the Terrorist Investigation Division, are satisfactory; and
- (iii) whether a fair investigation is anticipated by simply sending aforesaid officer on compulsory leave, as the charge is of a conspiracy against the head of state and former Secretary to the Ministry of Defence who crushed the terrorism prevailed?

(b) If not, why?

503/19

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the number of officers from the tri-forces and police who participated in UN Peacekeeping missions from 2010 to 2017;
- (ii) whether the Ministry of Defence has currently issued an order stipulating that officers who are selected for peacekeeping mission duties should obtain a recommendation from the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka; and
- (iii) of the basis on which the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka was vested with the responsibility, although there are other government bodies which are better suited to looking into the aforementioned officers and reporting to the UN?

(b) Will he state—

- (i) separately of the number of files sent to the Commission to obtain clearance reports for officers of the tri-forces and police and the number of files for which clearance reports have been issued by the Commission from 2010 to date;

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- (ii) whether he is aware that the number of officers going for peacekeeping missions has declined rapidly by now;
 - (iii) the reasons for that situation; and
 - (iv) whether he is aware of the fact that, out of the 400 files sent to the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka in March 2018, clearance reports have been issued for only 07 files up to now?
- (c) If not, why?

544/'19

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Non Cabinet Minister of Labour & Trade Union Relations,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Thulhiriya Textile Mills, which had belonged to the Textiles Corporation of Sri Lanka was first sold to the institute named Bombay Tex;
 - (ii) later it was sold to the Korean company named Kabul Lanka;
 - (iii) Kabul Lanka paid Gratuities and compensation to its workers when it was transferred to Vas Golden;
 - (iv) in each of the above instances, the factory was sold with its employees and their interests;
 - (v) no money was paid to workers who had been residing in the quarters; and
 - (vi) the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka is trying to evict the residents of these quarters at present?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether he will take steps to pay Gratuities and compensation to workers who have not received such benefits at retirement from service or at the lay-off;
 - (ii) whether he will taken steps to prevent the move to remove the residents at official quarters, who have been living in them for around 40 years and give them their entitlement to houses; and
 - (iii) if so, the date on which it will be done?
- (c) If not, why?

604/'18

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment,—(2)

- (a) Will he state whether the public assistance is granted to sick or disabled persons or families without any income?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that 23 persons of 143B, Nugadanda Grama Niladhari Division in the Ehaliyagoda Divisional Secretariat Division are granted the public assistance and of them 05 receive Rs. 300/- and others receive Rs. 250/- per month;
 - (ii) whether he admits that this amount is not sufficient to meet expenses even for a single day for these families; and
 - (iii) if so, whether he agrees to grant an allowance of Rs. 1000/- for these helpless families instead nominal allowance paid to these families?
- (c) If not, why?

831/'19

Hon. Douglas Devananda,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the CT scanner of the Jaffna Teaching Hospital which had been used for over 8 years has gone defunct;
 - (ii) the patients should be taken to Vavuniya Hospital and the other Hospitals amidst hardships due to aforesaid reason; and
 - (iii) the Ministry of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine had promised to provide a new CT scanner?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether speedy action has been taken to provide a new CT scanner to the Jaffna Hospital;
 - (ii) if so, of the date that it will be provided; and
 - (iii) whether any action has been taken to repair the CT scanner that has gone defunct by now?
- (c) If not, why?

858/'19

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) 2200 new buses have been imported for the Sri Lanka Transport Board in the year 2014; and
 - (ii) these buses have been given on the lease basis?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether payment of lease rent has been suspended from the year 2015; and
 - (ii) if so, the reason for same?
- (c) If not, why?

918/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Ports and Shipping and Southern Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the amount of spent on the construction of the Hambantota port;
 - (ii) the sources from which such money was procured;
 - (iii) separately, in respect of each month, the number of ships arrived at the port since its opening to date, their names and the number of containers unloaded;
 - (iv) separately, the income and the maintenance expenditure of the port during the said period; and
 - (v) the vision of the 'good governance' government for the development of the Hambantota port as a developed harbour in the region?
- (b) If not, why?

1009/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Nalinda Jayathissa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he admits that the radar receiver and the scanner antenna sent to China by the Air Force in April 2014 for repairs have been misplaced;
 - (ii) of the company that undertook the transportation of said items;
 - (iii) of the names of the members of the Board of Directors of the said company;

- (iv) whether the said company continues to provide services to any of the public institutions of Sri Lanka; and
 - (v) of the loss incurred from misplacement of said items?
- (b) If not, why?

1027/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,—To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether a write off of 50% of the debt capital amounting up to Rs.100,000/- owed to commercial banks by farmers has been granted as stated by the Minister of Finance through the 100 day revolution declaration;
 - (ii) of the expenditure that had to be borne by the government as a result of the write off loans granted for the farmers' loans;
 - (iii) whether a list of names of the farmers for whom the loan write off was granted together with the amount written off next to each name, will be submitted; and
 - (iv) of the amount reimbursed by the government to the commercial banks up to now in lieu of the write off loans granted to the farmers?
- (b) If not, why?

1049/'19

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— To ask the Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the reason for the Sabaragamuwa Province health officers or the officers of the Public Service Commission for not following the Circular No. 22/2002 that has been issued for the absorption of the Public Health Field Officers to the middle level technical service;
 - (ii) the reason for the Provincial Public Service Commission for not taking action in accordance with the order given by the Governor of the Sabaragamuwa Province;
 - (iii) the reason for the Secretary to the Provincial Public Service Commission to ignore the order given by the Governor on three occasions;
 - (iv) the total amount of money to be paid to the Public Health Field Officers; and
 - (v) whether steps will be taken to pay the aforesaid amount of money in future?
- (b) If not, why?

1071/'19

Hon. S. M. Marikkar,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that it was mentioned in an advertisement that appeared in Daily News on or around 27.03.2019 that—
 - (i) Lankaputhra Development Bank was acquired by the Regional Development Bank with effect from 31.12.2018;
 - (ii) all the banking activities of the aforesaid bank were carried out through the Regional Development Bank with effect from 01.04.2019; and
 - (iii) the Central Bank of Sri Lanka has given its approval for the aforesaid acquisition under Section 76 (j) (i) of the Banking Act, No. 30 of 1988?
- (b) Will he state whether the Central Bank of Sri Lanka has given its approval for the publication of the aforesaid advertisement?
- (c) Will he inform this House whether the approval of—
 - (i) the Board of Directors of the Lanka Puththra Development Bank;
 - (ii) the Annual General Meeting of the Lanka Puththra Development Bank;
 - (iii) the Registrar of Companies;
 - (iv) the Minister of Finance; and
 - (v) Parliament of Sri Lanka;
 has been granted for the aforesaid acquisition?
- (d) Will he state separately the names of the shareholders of the Regional Development Bank along with the number of shares held by them?
- (e) If not, why?

1134/'19

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the local clay roofing tile manufacturers have been deprived of the opportunity of providing roofing tiles in the construction of houses carried out by the government; and
 - (ii) the 100% health friendly local roofing tile production has collapsed as a result?
 - (b) Will he inform this House whether steps will be taken to use local clay roofing tiles for the housing projects to be carried out by the government in future?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Wednesday, December 18, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

52/'18

Hon. Hesha Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of daycare centers established in the Badulla District under the 'Puraneguma' project which is functioning under the Ministry of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government;
 - (ii) of the names of those daycare centers;
 - (iii) of the amount of money spent on those daycare centers; and
 - (iv) of the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to improve the quality of the daycare centers in Badulla District?
- (b) If not, why?

99/'18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Police officers who have been killed while engaged in country's crime suppression activities from the year 2015 separately in respect of each year;
 - (ii) of the reasons why the Police officers concerned were killed;
 - (iii) whether he will state the value of the compensation paid to their wives and children;
 - (iv) what steps have been taken by the Department of Police to protect their wives and children; and
 - (v) whether their widows and orphans allowances have been paid duly?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Police officers who have been granted promotions after being killed;
 - (ii) of the number of Police officers who have not been granted promotions after being killed; and
 - (iii) of the reasons for not granting them promotions?

(c) Will he state—

- (i) whether he will take action to improve the methodology that is in place to protect the lives of police officers engaged in crime suppression activities and to safeguard their wives and children in future; and
- (ii) if so, table the timeframe and the expected methodology for doing it?

(d) If not, why?

165/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of teachers serving in the schools that come under the Uva Province;
- (ii) whether he is aware that salary arrears due to be paid to most of those teachers; and
- (iii) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to pay the salary arrears to which those teachers are entitled?

(b) If not, why?

368/'18

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandy Heritage and Kandy Development,—(2)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of estate workers who served in 2002 in the Kolapathana estate that belonged to Janatha Estate Development Board;
- (ii) separately, the number of male and female estate workers who went on retirement from 2000 – 2015 after serving in this estate;
- (iii) the number of retired workers out of the aforesaid labourers who have not been paid Employees Provident Fund (EPF), Employees Trust Fund (ETF) and Pension Gratuity; and
- (iv) the name of the each of the aforesaid worker, the membership number and the amount due from the EPF, ETF and Pension Gratuity separately?

(b) If not, why?

497/'19

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of employees that served in the Janatha Estates Development Board as at 31.12.2017 as the particular manpower estimate and the scheme of recruitment;
 - (ii) of the aforesaid number separately as per each position;
 - (iii) separately of the number of permanent, casual and temporary employees that have been recruited to this Board from January 2015 to date;
 - (iv) whether it is admitted that, among these employees, there are certain individuals who have been recruited outside the scheme of recruitment; and
 - (v) of the steps that have been taken by the Janatha Estates Development Board with pertinence to these recruitments and the payment of their salaries?
- (b) If not, why?

559/'19

Hon. S. Shriritharan,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, in terms of each district, of the number of state banks, private banks, insurance companies, finance companies and micro finance companies which are operative in the Northern Province;
 - (ii) of their names; and
 - (iii) separately, of the interest rates charged by the state banks, private banks and micro finance companies in providing loans for the general public?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that a lot of lives are lost due to the injustices caused by the unfair practices of the micro finance companies which are operative in the North and the Eastern provinces;
 - (ii) whether the government will intervene in monitoring the operations of aforesaid Micro Finance Companies in future in order to avoid such losses; and
 - (iii) of the intention of the micro finance companies in accelerating the operations targeting the people of the Northern and the Eastern provinces who lost their economic capabilities owing to the war?
- (c) If not why?

670/'18

Hon. Douglas Devananda,— To ask the Minister of City Planning, Water Supply and Higher Education,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) a drinking water project was launched at the expense of millions of rupees under the aid of a Non Governmental Organization with the objective of fulfilling the drinking water requirement of the people who were resettled in Valaiyankattu village in Madhu Divisional Secretariat in Mannar;
 - (ii) the project mentioned above has been abandoned halfway without being completed; and
 - (iii) the people of the aforesaid area encounter a huge difficulty in getting their drinking water requirement fulfilled?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to complete the aforesaid drinking water project and fulfill the drinking water requirement of the people in Valaiyankattu village;
 - (ii) if so, the date on which day it will be done; and
 - (iii) if not, the reason for it?
- (c) If not, why?

698/'19

Hon. Udaya Prabhath Gammanpila,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names of the non citizens of Sri Lanka who hold the post of a Director or a membership of a board of management in corporations, statutory bodies or public companies as at 30.09.2017; and
 - (ii) the names of the dual citizens who hold the post of a Director or a membership of a board of management in corporations, statutory bodies or public companies as at 30.09.2017?
- (b) If not, why?

763/'19

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that media have constantly reported about awarding of monetary grants to certain persons including mainly the Members of Parliament and Ministers through the bank account of the Mendis Company alleged to be maintained at the Seylan Bank by the Perpetual Treasuries Ltd. which is involved with the Central Bank bond scam?

(41)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) of the total amount that has been credited from 01.01.2015 to 01.01.2018 to the account that is maintained at Seylan Bank by Perpetual Treasuries Ltd. in the name of Mendis Company;
- (ii) of the number of occasions on which the aforesaid amount has been credited to that account, and separately of the amount that has been credited on each of those occasions; and
- (iii) separately of the dates on which money has been withdrawn from the aforesaid account of the Mendis Company from 01.01.2015 to 01.01.2018, of the amount that has been withdrawn on each of those days, and of the names to whom the amounts thus withdrawn have been paid?

(c) If not, why?

844/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the number of financial companies registered under the Central Bank of Sri Lanka by now;
- (ii) names and boards of directors thereof;
- (iii) the number of financial companies and their names, faced with financial crises since the 'good governance' government assumed office;
- (iv) separately, the number of depositors who had maintained deposits in each such financial institution; and
- (v) the measures hitherto taken and to be taken to ensure justice to the depositors of said financial companies?

(b) If not, why?

870/'19

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Non Cabinet Minister of Mass Media,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) injustice has been caused to Mr. L. P. Karunaratne and 17 others in the payment of pension by the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation; and
- (ii) the then Ministry of Finance and Mass media has not implemented the recommendations of the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka and the Committee on Public Petitions?

(42)

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that the officers of the then Ministry of Finance and Mass media have promised to pay the pension at the investigation conducted by the Public Petitions Committee;
- (ii) of the reasons for not implementing the recommendations given by the Presidential Secretariat on the instructions of the President; and
- (iii) whether arrangements would be made to pay pension to these persons?

(c) If not why?

902/'19

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Disaster Management and Livestock Development,—(1)

(a) Will he state—

- (i) whether committees consisting of three field officers have been established in each GN Division of the Polpithigama Divisional Secretariat Division as per Clause 4 of circular bearing No. NDRSC/2018/03 issued with pertinence to the provision of Drought Relief;
- (ii) if so, whether the number of meetings, relevant dates, times, locations, attendance and the agendas and the discussion notes will be submitted;
- (iii) whether the committee has unanimously recommended the unavailability of beneficiaries; and
- (iv) whether the aforesaid recommendation will be submitted?

(b) Will he also state—

- (i) whether the committee chaired by the Divisional Secretary and consisting of the relevant officers has met with pertinence to this matter;
- (ii) if so, whether a detailed report will be submitted about the aforesaid meetings;
- (iii) whether the committee has unanimously recommended the unavailability of beneficiaries; and
- (iv) whether the aforesaid recommendation will be submitted?

- (c) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether it is admitted that the people of Polpithigama had been discriminated with pertinence to the phase II of Drought Relief 2018;
 - (ii) of the measures taken to rectify the matter;
 - (iii) whether the particular assistance will be extended to these people; and
 - (iv) of the measures that have been taken against the perpetrators?
- (d) If not, why?

980/'19

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
- (i) the Kalawewa railway station along the Colombo-Batticaloa railway line is used by a large number of commuters;
 - (ii) the 300 meter road for commuters to access the main road from the railway station is in a badly dilapidated condition; and
 - (iii) the train commuters could meet with accidents in entering the main road riskily from the railway platform across the railway line without using the said road due to its dilapidated condition?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether action will be taken expeditiously to develop this short distance road of about 300 meters?
- (c) If not, why?

1135/'19

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle,— To ask the Minister of Industry and Commerce, Resettlement of Protracted Displaced Persons, Cooperative Development and Vocational Training and Skills Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
- (i) the measures taken by the government to develop the roofing tile industry which is the direct or indirect livelihood of hundreds of thousands of people and is also a 100% local industry;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that this industry has experienced a rapid decline;
 - (iii) the fate that would befall the roofing tile manufacturers who are local industrialists and the employees working in tile manufactories due to the collapse of this industry;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that the government institutions purchase asbestos sheets granting duty concessions to multinational companies that produce asbestos sheets; and
 - (v) the state patronage extended to local clay roofing tile manufacturers as of now?
- (b) If not, why?

1138/'19

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) the income earned by Sri Lanka from the fisheries industry during the last 5 years, separately in respect of each year; and
 - (ii) the income earned by Sri Lanka from the export of fish products during the last 5 years, separately in respect of each year?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether the products of the fisheries industry of Sri Lanka are not adequate for the consumption of the country;
 - (ii) whether fish products are imported to the country;
 - (iii) if so, the amount of money spent for same for an year;
 - (iv) whether the fisheries industry of the country is not subject to a decline through the import of fish products; and
 - (v) when there is potential for the large scale development of the fisheries industry of the country that is surrounded by the sea, why it has not been done?
- (c) If not, why?

Thursday, December 19, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

57/'18

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) there is an age-old place named Hathé Kanuwa Kadaveediya (which literally means “Seventh Post, Bazaar Street”) in existence in Liyangahawela in the Bandarawela Pradeshiya Sabha Area; and
 - (ii) the Pradeshiya Sabha has not maintained this place properly during the past few years?
- (b) Will he inform this House of the steps that the Ministry will take to get the Pradeshiya Sabha to develop this place?
- (c) If not, why?

100/'18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the number of Police officers who have been disabled while engaged in the country's crime suppression activities from the year 2015 separately in respect of each year;
 - (ii) of the number of such officers who have reached total disability;
 - (iii) of the value of the compensation paid to them;
 - (iv) of the number of such officers to whom compensation has not been paid;
 - (v) of the reasons for not paying them compensation;
 - (vi) whether monthly salaries are duly paid to the officers who have reached total disability;
 - (vii) whether there are any officers who are not paid monthly salaries after reaching total disability; and
 - (viii) if so, of the reasons for not paying monthly salaries to them?
- (b) If not, why?

166/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of advisors that can be appointed to a Minister as per the cabinet decision dated 09th April 2015 and No.අඟ/15/0180/6/3/008;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that the Governor of Uva Province has appointed 07 advisors to the Chief Minister of Uva Province in spite of the aforesaid decision;
 - (iii) the legal provisions on which 07 advisors were appointed to the Chief Minister of the Uva Province disregarding the clear cabinet decision taken on appointing advisors; and
 - (iv) the steps that will be taken by the Ministry to rectify this as per the audit query submitted in this regard?
- (b) If not, why?

423/'19

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which Kuchchiveli archaeological site in Trincomalee district was gazetted;
 - (ii) whether an archaeological survey or exploration has been carried out regarding that site;
 - (iii) of the archaeological information discovered up to now;
 - (iv) whether a complete report in that regard will be submitted;
 - (v) whether some external parties are occupying the lands of that site in a way that could lead to the destruction of that archaeological site;
 - (vi) whether a complete report on the damages caused to the said archaeological site will be submitted accordingly; and
 - (vii) of the legal action taken by now to protect this archaeological site?
- (b) If not, why?

780/'19

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the names of the officers who received appointments as Assistant Manager (Projects) of the Tea Small Holdings Development Authority on 11.09.1989;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that an officer who assumed duties on that post had, in addition to the salary for the relevant post for the month of September 1989 had received the salary from another government institution for the same month;
 - (iii) whether he is aware that the post of Assistant General Manager (Services) which had been given to him on political grounds was cancelled by a Court ruling on 19.06.2007 and he was placed on the post that he held earlier (Assistant Project Manager - Grade vi);
 - (iv) accordingly, how much money had he received as salaries and allowances not entitled for the post from 19.06.2007 up to the end of 2015; and
 - (v) whether steps have been taken to recover those monies?
- (b) If not, why?

817/'19

Hon. Susantha Punchinilame,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the schools that have been selected for improvement in the 5 education zones of the Trincomalee district under the “Nearest School is the Best School” programme;
 - (ii) the proposed improvements in each such school;
 - (iii) the minimum amount of money granted to improve each such school;
 - (iv) the development activities carried out hitherto in said schools and the amount of money spent; and
 - (v) as the shortage of teachers’ quarters is one of the reasons for teachers not coming to remote districts like Trincomalee, the measures to be taken to address such problems?
- (b) If not, why?

827/'19

Hon. Douglas Devananda,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Rural Economic Affairs, Irrigation and Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) thousands of acres of paddy lands have been devastated due to the Arakkottiya (pest) hazard in Ampara district;
 - (ii) the farming community has been severely affected by the aforesaid hazard as the harvesting season is in the offing; and
 - (iii) Arakkottiya hazard is spreading in other areas as well?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether any action has been taken to control the Arakkottiya hazard;
 - (ii) whether there is any possibility of providing some amount of money as compensation to the farmers in Ampara district, who have been affected by the Arakkottiya hazard; and
 - (iii) whether money has been provided as compensation to the farmers for the damages that have already been caused to their cultivation due to the Fall Armyworm hazard?
- (c) If not, why?

846/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Non Cabinet Minister of Mass Media,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) separately, in respect of each year from the year 2015 to date, the revenue earned and the amount spent by Independent Television Network;
 - (ii) the number of employees recruited during the said period, their names, addresses, educational qualifications and designations;
 - (iii) the measures taken during the said period to establish an independent media culture in Independent Television Network; and
 - (iv) whether he will state the action taken in respect of those against whom allegations have been levelled;
- (b) If not, why?

871/'19

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Plantation Industries,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) many companies including Damro tap into latex in their rubber plantations by applying a gas mask on the trunk of the rubber tree or by applying chemicals on new rubber trees;
 - (ii) once the latex producing period of these rubbers trees expires prematurely, the owners of these rubber plantations intend to fell these trees and produce pulp which could be used in other industries;
 - (iii) the owners of these plantations plan to grow oil palm in the lands after clearing the rubber trees; and
 - (iv) such action would pose a threat to the employment opportunities of the workers and also cause grave destruction to the environment?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether he will intervene immediately to control this situation?
- (c) If not, why?

948/'19

Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer,— To ask the Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation,—(2)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the coastal railway line from the Galle Railway Station towards Matara was renovated under the assistance extended by the Indian Government; and
 - (ii) the new railway was constructed over the only access road to the houses and lands of Thalapitiya, Bandaranayake place and Thakkiya lane located adjoining the railway and consequentially, the residents are inconvenienced due to the unavailability of a proper access way?

(49)

- (b) Will he inform this House whether steps would be taken to construct a protected access road to this area, which is a basic requirement of the residents?
- (c) If not, why?

981/'19

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Thambuttegama town has become a centre from which a large number of people, barely second to Anuradhapura, the main city of the North Central Province, move to different directions of the country daily;
 - (ii) a large number of families live around this town;
 - (iii) it is a town with a large economic centre which is not second to the Dambulla Economic Centre; and
 - (iv) the public bus stand in the Thambuttegama town is severely dilapidated that people cannot use it?
- (b) Will he inform this House as to why he has not yet paid his attention to—
 - (i) the non-availability of suitable toilet and latrine system for thousands of passengers who move about this bus stand daily;
 - (ii) non-availability of a shelter with proper safety for passengers; and
 - (iii) passengers getting inconvenienced owing to water remaining in the bus stand during the rainy season?
- (c) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) the measures to be taken to meet the above mention shortcomings; and
 - (ii) the date on which the bus stand would be developed so that people can derive a proper service from it?
- (d) If not, why?

1031/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Tourism Development, Wildlife and Christian Religious Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he will present a detailed report on the manner in which the 3000 million rupees, that was allocated to construct a convention hall with a seating capacity of 7000 near Colombo new Townhall as per proposal No. 245 of the budget 2016, was utilized;
 - (ii) of the private sector investors who become partners of this project; and
 - (iii) whether he will present a list of names of local and foreign investors who responded to this budget proposal and a table depicting their investment value?
- (b) If not, why?

1079/'19

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the names and the addresses of the persons who were killed and injured in Easter Sunday attack;
 - (ii) the compensation and donations given to the victims separately;
 - (iii) the long term relief expected to be provided to the dependents of the persons who were killed in this attack;
 - (iv) whether the injured persons and who require long term treatments have been identified separately;
 - (v) medical and other support given to those identified people;
 - (vi) whether a special aid programme has been introduced for the persons who were subject to permanent disability; and
 - (vii) if so, what that programme is?
- (b) If not, why?

1136/'19

Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of schools in the Katana Education Division included in the “Nearest School is the Best School” programme;
 - (ii) whether he is aware that there are schools in the Katana Education Division selected under the “ Nearest School is the Best School” of which only the foundation stone has been laid but construction work have not been commenced; and
 - (iii) whether he will state the specific timeframe during which the construction work of the schools of which only the foundation stone has been laid will be completed?
- (b) If not, why?

1139/'19

Hon. Kanaka Herath,— To ask the Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development,—(1)

- (a) Will he state—
 - (i) whether it has been confirmed as of now that there are petroleum or natural gases within the landmass or the sea area belonging to Sri Lanka;
 - (ii) if so, what such regions are; and
 - (iii) the companies which carry out exploration activities?

(51)

- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the current status of such exploration activities;
 - (ii) whether certain foreign companies which carried out exploration activities on petroleum deposits have left the country, having suspended exploration activities midway; and
 - (iii) if so, the reasons for same?
 - (c) If not, why?
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Friday, December 20, 2019

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

59/'18

Hon. Heshu Withanage,— To ask the Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of railway carriages that has been removed from operation from 2010 up to now;
 - (ii) out of the number of carriages so removed, the number of carriages that has been repaired and added to the service;
 - (iii) the name of the institution that repaired those carriages;
 - (iv) the amount of money spent for that; and
 - (v) whether he can submit the programme of the Ministry that has been prepared to add the rest of the carriages, that have been removed from operation, to the service again?
- (b) If not, why?

101/'18

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara,— To ask the Minister of Justice & Prison Reforms,—(2)

- (a) Will she state—
 - (i) the number of cases that remain unresolved before the Courts as at 31.12.2017;
 - (ii) the numbers separately, classifying it according to the types of Courts;
 - (iii) the number of cases that remain unresolved for over 5 years;
 - (iv) the number of cases that remain unresolved for over 10 years;
 - (v) whether she will take steps to have the long unresolved cases decided quickly; and
 - (vi) if so, what steps she will take for it?
- (b) If not, why?

167/'18

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Minister of Telecommunication, Foreign Employment and Sports,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the cricket matches that have been played in the Sooriyawewa International Cricket Stadium from 01.01.2017 to 31.05.2017;
 - (ii) the amount of money earned from those matches; and
 - (iii) whether the Ministry of Sports will take steps to construct a star class hotel in the vicinity of this cricket stadium to provide accommodation to the cricketers?
- (b) If not, why?

370/'18

Hon. Velu Kumar,— To ask the Minister of Public Enterprise, Kandyan Heritage and Kandy Development,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of estate workers who served in 2002 in the Lulkandura estate that belonged to Janatha Estate Development Board;
 - (ii) separately, the number of male and female estate workers who went on retirement from 2000 – 2015 after serving in this estate;
 - (iii) the number of retired workers out of the aforesaid labourers who have not been paid Employees Provident Fund (EPF), Employees Trust Fund (ETF) and Pension Gratuity; and
 - (iv) the name of the each of the aforesaid worker, the membership number and the amount due from the EPF, ETF and Pension Gratuity separately?
- (b) If not, why?

425/'19

Hon. Padma Udayashantha Gunasekera,— To ask the Minister of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the date on which Kadurugoda historical archaeological site in Jaffna district was gazetted;
 - (ii) whether a complete report on the archaeological surveys or explorations carried out regarding that archaeological site will be submitted;
 - (iii) whether the site of the stupa there has been encroached upon by squatters;
 - (iv) whether a complete report on the damages caused to the said archaeological site as a result of such encroachment will be submitted; and
 - (v) of the legal action taken to protect such archaeological heritage?
- (b) If not, why?

501/'19

Hon. Jayantha Samaraweera,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the varieties of food that were provided to the Sri Lanka Navy by the suppliers during the period from 01.02.2015 to 31.01.2018;
 - (ii) of the names and addresses of the suppliers, sub suppliers and the institutions that engaged in the aforesaid food supply;
 - (iii) of the institutions that submitted fake documents and acted contravening the procurement regulations;
 - (iv) of the measures that have been taken against the officers who have given the directives to purchase goods and officers who ordered goods without the approval of the Procurement Committee;
 - (v) of the loss incurred on the government as a result of the unlawful purchases; and
 - (vi) whether action has been taken to recover the said loss from the relevant persons and institutions?
- (b) If not, why?

563/'19

Hon. Thushara Indunil Amarasena,— To ask the Minister of Public Administration, Disaster Management and Livestock Development,—(3)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether he is aware that there was a severe drought in the North Western Province during the past few months;
 - (ii) if so, the number families affected in the Galgamuwa electorate during that period;
 - (iii) the number of families who received drought relief;
 - (iv) whether he is aware that there was an allegation that the prices of dry rations in the relief package given to them were higher than the market price; and
 - (v) if so, whether he will look into this matter and take necessary measures?
- (b) If not, why?

813/'19

Hon. T. Ranjith De Zoysa,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs,—(2)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) the number of graduates who forwarded applications in response to a news paper advertisement published by the Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs for recruiting unemployed graduates for training in the public institutions through an interview;
 - (ii) the number of graduates who appeared for that interview in relation to each district, separately; and
 - (iii) the number of graduates who were recruited for training following the interview?
- (b) Will he also inform this House—
 - (i) whether the graduates were categorized as internal and external graduates when they were recruited for the relevant training;
 - (ii) if so, the number of internal and external graduates recruited in relation to each district, separately; and
 - (iii) whether a problematic situation arose when awarding letters of appointment to the external graduates?
- (c) If not, why?

828/'19

Hon. Douglas Devananda,— To ask the Minister of Finance,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the tax on the imported potato, has been reduced by 20% presently;
 - (ii) the production cost of a kilo of potato in Jaffna remains at Rs. 55/- and a kilo of imported potato is sold in the market at Rs. 50/-; and
 - (iii) the local potato growers have faced much difficulty due to the reduction of the taxes on imported potato as the harvesting season of the potato cultivation in Jaffna commences from 15 February?
- (b) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) whether steps will be taken to lift the reduction of taxes on the potato, which is imported, and increase those taxes until the sale of the local produce is over, for the benefit of the local potato growers;
 - (ii) whether this type of action will be taken exactly one month prior to the harvesting season of local crops (potato—onion); and
 - (iii) whether steps will be taken to implement a permanent mechanism in this regard?
- (c) If not, why?

872/'19

Hon. Vasudeva Nanayakkara,— To ask the Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms,—(1)

(a) Is he aware that—

- (i) out of the 39 families residing in 34 houses located in the land called Gangarawatta of Pahala Galathura, Kadugammulla, Keri-ella, some have been resident there since 1955 while some have been resident there approximately since 1978 and that they lead a difficult life engaging in paddy farming; and
- (ii) cases were filed against four families out of the abovementioned families at the Ratnapura Magistrate Court under re-possession by the government and that the decision of the court has been given to remove them from the land?

(b) Will he inform this House—

- (i) whether he admits that removal of these families from the aforementioned land would cause them to be displaced with their children; and
- (ii) whether steps will be taken to acquire the aforementioned land which has an extent of about 64 acres for the purpose of expansion of villages and to distribute the same with proper standards among the aforementioned families?

(c) If not, why?

917/'19

Hon. Ananda Aluthgamage,— To ask the Minister of Transport & Civil Aviation,—(1)

(a) Will he inform this House—

- (i) the amount of money spent on the construction of the Mattala Airport;
- (ii) the sources from which such moneys were procured;
- (iii) separately, the income generated and expenditure incurred on maintenance from the day of opening of the airport to date;
- (iv) the number of flights arrived since the opening of this airport to date and the names of airlines;
- (v) separately, the number of passengers who travelled via the Mattala Airport during the said period annually; and
- (vi) the vision of the 'good governance' government for developing the Mattala Airport?

(b) If not, why?

935/'19

Hon. Mohamadu Nazeer,— To ask the Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) Mrs. Fathima Mumthas currently residing at No. 229/3A, Kumarin Mawatha, Gothatuwa, Angoda, Kolonnawa, has two brothers with disabilities aged 21 and 18 years; and
 - (ii) those two orphaned who were born mentally disabled have not been provided the monthly financial/ medical assistance provided by the National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities up to now?
- (b) Will he inform this House whether immediate action will be taken to provide the monthly financial/ medical assistance for the said two persons with disabilities who are members of a helpless family with no permanent source of income?
- (c) If not, why?

982/'19

Hon. Ishak Rahuman,— To ask the Minister of Education,—(1)

- (a) Will he inform this House—
 - (i) of the reasons for many short comings to happen when making funds available for the development of the A/ Wijithapura Maha Vidyalaya in the Kekirawa Education Zone in the Anuradhapura district under the 'Closest school Best school' programme; and
 - (ii) whether a methodology has been devised to make the financial allocations that have been set aside, available to that school without a shortage or delay?
- (b) If not, why?

1020/'19

Hon. Bimal Rathnayake,— To ask the Minister of Primary Industries and Social Empowerment,—(1)

- (a) Is he aware that—
 - (i) the present government conducted an examination for the recruitment of Samurdhi Development Officers (Grade iii) in order to fill 3771 vacancies and Rs. 500/- was charged as examination fees;
 - (ii) over 75,000 candidates sat for aforesaid examination;
 - (iii) in 2017, the appointments were given to 1904 candidates who passed the examination; and
 - (iv) a pledge was made that the appointments will be given to the rest of the candidates in 2018?

- (b) Will he inform this House—
- (i) whether other 1867 vacancies will be filled from the individuals who passed aforesaid examination; and
 - (ii) if so, of aforesaid date?
- (c) If not, why?

1026/'19

Hon. (Dr.) Bandula Gunawardana,— To ask the Minister of Women & Child Affairs and Dry Zone Development,—(2)

- (a) Will she inform this House—
- (i) whether an allowance of Rs. 20,000/- was provided to pregnant mothers as mentioned by the then Minister of Finance in the “100 day revolution” declaration;
 - (ii) whether he will submit the list of names of the pregnant mothers who received this benefit in 2015 and 2016;
 - (iii) of the total expenditure borne by the government in 2015 and 2016 for the provision of Rs. 20,000/- for each pregnant mother; and
 - (iv) whether he will submit a copy of the circular giving instruction as per 7.29 of the declaration mentioned in (i) above?
- (b) If not, why?
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